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1. JORDANIAN NARCOTICS LAW (1955, AMENDED 1973) DOES NOT
DISTINGUISH BETWEEN TYPES OF DRUGS. THUS, PENELTIES OUTLINED BELOW
APPLY TO "ALL INTOXICATING DRUGS--HERION, OPIUM, HASHISH, COCAINE,
AND OTHERS." GOJ AUTHORITIES CONFIRM THAT IN PRACTICE AS WELL, NO
DISTINCITION IS MADE BETWEEN MARIHUANA AND OTHER DURGS.

2. PENELTIES:

A. IMPORT, EXPORT, OR MANUFACURE: LIFE IMPRISONMENT,
PLUS FINE OF 3-5,000 JORDANIAN DINARS (US\$9-15,000);
B. IN-COUNTRY MERCHANDISING, OR OPERATING AN ESTABLISHMENT
IN WHICH DRUS IS CONSUMED; NOT LESS THAN
10 YEARS' HARD LABOR, PLUS FINE OF 1-3,000 JD (US\$3-9,000);
C. TRANSPORTING: IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN 2 YEARS;
D. USE: IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN 6
MONTHS, PLUS FINE OF 50-200 JD (US\$150-600).

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3. LOCAL USE OF HASHISH AND MARIJUANA IS VIRTUALLY
NIL, ALTHOUGH JORDAN IS USED AS TRAFFICKING ROUTE
TO OTHER MIDDLE EAST POINTS. THUS, QUESTION OF
STRICTNESS WITH WHICH LAWS PERTAINING TO USE ARE
APPLIED IS ALMOST ACADEMIC. ONE VIOLATORS ARE APPREHENDED
AND CONVICTED, PENALTIES FOR TRAFFICKING APPEAR
TO BE FARILY STRICTLY APPLIED.

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